

Access to Dental Care Goal and Objectives

Goal: Decrease the incidence of tooth decay and tooth loss for low income Fond du Lac County residents by increasing access to preventive and restorative dental care.

Objective 1: by 2015, maintain and expand the number of community water systems that adjust the fluoride concentration to a level beneficial to reduce tooth decay and promote good oral health.

Baseline: The Cities of Fond du Lac, North Fond du Lac, Ripon and Waupun adjust the fluoride concentration in their community water systems. Brandon, Campbellsport, Fairwater, Mount Calvary, Oakfield and St. Cloud are deficient in fluoride content and not adjusting as of 2011.

Activity	Timeframe	Resources Required	Lead	Anticipated Products or Results	Date Completed
Provide information to water utility managers and elected officials on the importance and cost effectiveness of community fluoridation.	3 months	Time to plan develop and distribute.	Health Depart	Increased understanding of the ongoing need for community fluoridation.	November 1, 2012
Provide information on funding opportunities to water utility managers and elected officials of communities who do not adjust fluoride concentration	24 months	Time to develop and distribute.	Health Depart	One community who does not presently adjust fluoride level will discuss adjusting fluoride concentration.	December 2014

Objective 2: By 2015, increase the proportion of Medicaid enrollees with at least one Medicaid dental claim to 35%.

Baseline: The most current State Fiscal Year 2009 documents that 22% of Fond du Lac County Medicaid enrollees had at least one Medicaid dental claim.

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Program Assistant will update information for FondduLacCounty.gov website to include reliable sources for the public seeking oral health information and access to care.	July 2012–ongoing	Time, planning, local dentist endorsements .	Samantha Twohig, RDH	Increased amounts of oral health information for public access when on the Fond du Lac County Site.	
Oral Health Coordinator will explore ability to create social network to provide oral health information and access to care issues in a contemporary manner.	3 months	Time, planning, local dentist endorsements , IT assist.	Samantha Twohig, RDH	Increase exposure of oral health facts for community members who use social networking.	June 2013
Continue to identify funding sources for SAS to increase capacity.	Ongoing	Time, scheduling	Samantha Twohig, RDH	Increased pool of resources needed to grow dental program	2015
Complete 2012 Provider Survey of Save a Smile contracted dental providers.	3 months	Time, scheduling meetings,	Samantha Twohig, RDH	A more accurate understanding of available potential capacity.	June 2012

Oral Health Coordinator will network and recruit additional interested community members (such as DDS, another RDH, DSS, Agnesian, Solution Center) to join Working Committee to develop and implement a dental program for adults with Medicaid	6 months	Time, planning, local dentist endorsements , Team building skills.	Samantha Twohig, RDH	Develop a working plan and implement a pilot program to increase adult dental care access.	June 2013
Identify staffing needs as program growth occurs	ongoing	Funding, time, training	Samantha Twohig, RDH	To enable efficient effective use of available resources.	

Objective 3: By 2015, expand the availability of classroom and chair-side oral health education, fluoride varnishes and dental sealants to all Fond du Lac County daycares where 35% or more of children receive subsidized child care and to all Fond du Lac County schools where 35% or more of children are eligible for free and reduced lunch.

Baseline: In 2011, 746 Head Start and WIC children received fluoride varnishes. 6 schools participated in school based dental sealant program with 151 children participating.

Activity	Timeframe	Resources Required	Lead	Anticipated Products or Results	Date Completed
Working committee to identify and review opportunities for expanding dental prevention programs in schools and daycares. Outreach to dental hygienists.	3 months	Staff time from involved agencies, meeting site	Health Dept. Staff	Identified dental prevention programs to be offered in schools and daycares. Involvement from local dental hygienists.	

Develop guidelines to enhance collaboration and continuity of preventative dental care with local dental provider network.	3 months	Staff time from involved agencies	Health Dept. staff	Strong working relationship between Health Dept. and local dental providers.	
Research Mobile dental services as potential partners.	3 months	Staff time from Health Dept.	Health Department Staff	Awareness of what the mobile dental services can offer.	
Identify FDL Co. daycares with 35% > of children attending receiving subsidy.	1 month following development of guidelines.	Working committee time to make contacts, phone line	Working committee member	Identification of daycares which will be served by the program, and approximation of the number of children to be served	
Outreach to officials of daycares and schools to discuss coordination of the program.	1 months	Coordinator of the fluoride varnish and dental sealant program	Health Department Dental Hygienist	Agreement by day cares and schools to allow program in their facilities. A set schedule for providing service.	
Train staff who will be applying fluoride varnishes	1 month	Training supplies, Dental Hygienist time	Dental Hygienist	Identified staff will be competent in applying fluoride varnishes	
Institute Program	Continually through the year in day cares, to be determined in schools	Day care staff, school nursing staff, Health Dept. Dental Hygienist and staff. Dental supplies, phone lines, office supplies	Dental Hygienist	Fluoride varnish programs operating in identified day cares. Preventative dental care being provided in identified schools	Beginning 2012-2013 school year
Evaluation of Program	3 months following the end of the 2012-2013 school year	Health Department Staff and Dental Hygienist, Working Committee	Working Committee	Development of parent evaluation form,	August 31, 2013

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